
**U.S. Armed Forces, Civilian Employees, and Contractor
Personnel Deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria in
Support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE
and Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL**



As of November 2020

Report to Congress
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This is the eleventh report provided pursuant to Section 1267 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 (Public Law 115-91). This report includes the total number of Department of Defense (DoD) military, civilian, and contractor personnel, including local and third country national contractor employees, deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS) as of September 1, 2020. Additional personnel in other locations support both OIR and OFS simulataneously as part of their duties. Such personnel are not counted in this report.

A classified annex accompanies this report. Section 1267(d) requires that any classified report be accompanied by an unclassified summary that includes specifically requested information. As some of the information that is required to be reported is properly classified to protect the foreign relations and national security interests of the United States, a complete, detailed report of all required information is presented in the classified annex. The classified annex includes precise numbers of DoD military, civilian, and contractor personnel deployed to Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan for September 1, 2020, October 1, 2020, and November 1, 2020, as well as projected numbers for December 1, 2020.

This report was prepared in coordination with U.S. Central Command, the Military Departments, the Joint Staff, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. This report replaces the reports previously provided under Section 1224 of the NDAA for FY 2016 (Public Law 114-02), and in response to House Report 111-230, which accompanied H. R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Number of DoD Military, Civilian Employees, and Contractors

Personnel	OIR		OFS
	Iraq	Syria	Afghanistan
	As of September 1, 2020		
Military	Approx. 5,200	Approx. 900	Approx. 8,600
Civilian	Approx. 100	Approx. 10	Approx. 500
Contractor	Contractor Personnel		
U.S. Citizens	2,304	94	7,461
Local Nationals	739	0	1,846
Third Country Nationals	2,019	0	9,032

Functions Performed by Deployed Personnel**Operation INHERENT RESOLVE:**

Military personnel perform a train, advise, and assist mission to develop Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and vetted Syrian opposition forces, including the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), and conduct counterterrorism operations to defeat al-Qaida and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and to protect the U.S. homeland, U.S. interests overseas, and U.S. allies and partners. They also perform military missions to support U.S., coalition, and partner operations, including: aerial and ground fires; sustainment; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; aerial lift; and medical evacuation. As of the date of submission of this report, DoD continues to implement the President's direction to draw down U.S. forces from Syria and sustain a small residual force presence in eastern Syria to continue to further these objectives.

DoD civilians serve in positions that perform staff functions related to their skills; serve as advisors to the Government of Iraq; and perform the missions of their combat support agencies such as the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Defense Contract Management Agency, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), the U.S. Army Materiel Command, including the Army Contracting Command and the Army Sustainment Command, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

DoD contractor personnel provide equipment and personnel sustainment, base management, IT/communications support, construction services, management/administrative support, medical services, force protection, transportation, intelligence analysis, and translation/interpretation services.

Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL:

Military personnel deployed in support of OFS are performing two missions: providing training, advice, and assistance to develop the capabilities and capacity of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) (including the Afghan National Army (ANA) and the Afghan National Police (ANP)) and the Ministries of Defense (MoD) and Interior (MoI) as part of the NATO-led Resolute Support mission; and conducting counterterrorism operations to defeat al-Qa'ida and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria-Khorasan. These missions support the U.S. vital national interest of preventing Afghanistan from becoming a safe-haven from which terrorist groups can plan and execute attacks against the U.S. homeland, U.S. citizens, and our interests and allies abroad. Our ultimate goal in Afghanistan is a negotiated political settlement between the Afghan Government and the Taliban. In performing these missions, military personnel advise the MoD, the MoI, and the ANDSF on key functions such as campaign planning, sustainment, resource management, human resources management, and intelligence; administer the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund; and advise the ANA, ANP, Afghan Special Security Forces, and the Afghan Air Force and Special Mission Wing. They also perform military missions to support U.S., coalition, and Afghan forces' operations. These include aerial and ground fires; sustainment; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; aerial lift; force protection; and medical evacuation.

DoD civilians deployed in support of OFS include personnel who serve in U.S. Forces—Afghanistan and Resolute Support positions performing staff functions related to their skills; who serve as advisors to the MoD, the MoI, and the ANDSF; or who are deployed to perform the missions of their combat support agencies or other organizations, such as the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Defense Contract Management Agency, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), the U.S. Army Materiel Command, including the Army Contracting Command and the Army Sustainment Command, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

DoD contractor personnel provide equipment and personnel sustainment, base management, IT/communications support, construction services, management/administrative support, medical services, force protection, transportation, intelligence analysis, translation/interpretation services, and training and advising of the MoD, MoI, and ANDSF.

Please see the classified annex for additional detailed information on the precise and projected numbers of deployed personnel through December 1, 2020.

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~~SECRET//NOFORN~~~~(S)~~ Number of Deployed DoD Military Personnel

Personnel	OIR		OFS
	Iraq	Syria	Afghanistan
	September 1, 2020		
Active Component	Active Component		
U.S. Army	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)		
U.S. Air Force			
U.S. Navy			
U.S. Marine Corps			
Reserve Component	Reserve Component		
U.S. Army	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)		
U.S. Air Force			
U.S. Navy			
U.S. Marine Corps			
National Guard	National Guard		
Army National Guard	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)		
Air National Guard			
Baseline			
Temporarily Enabling Forces (TEF) ²			
OFS Rear Detachments ³			
Operationally Sensitive Forces ⁴			
State Department Support ⁵			
Total Military			

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~~(S)~~ Personnel Totals for October 1, 2020 and November 1, 2020, and Projected totals for December 1, 2020

Personnel	OIR					
	Iraq	Syria	Iraq	Syria	Iraq	Syria
	Oct 1, 2020		Nov 1, 2020		Dec 1, 2020	
Active Component	Active Component Personnel					
U.S. Army	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)					
U.S. Air Force						
U.S. Navy						
U.S. Marine Corps						
Reserve Component	Reserve Component Personnel					
U.S. Army	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)					
U.S. Air Force						
U.S. Navy						
U.S. Marine Corps						
National Guard	National Guard Personnel					
Army National Guard	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)					
Air National Guard						
Baseline ⁶						
TEF						
JTF 94-7						
State Dept. Support						
Total Military ⁷						
Civilian	Civilian Personnel				(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)	
	70	17	76	12		
Contractor	Contractor Personnel					
U.S. Citizens	2,472	86	2,193	69	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)	
Local Nationals	636	0	729	0		
Third Country Nationals	1,632	0	1,545	0		

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Personnel	OFS		
	Afghanistan		
	Oct 1, 2020	Nov 1, 2020	Dec 1, 2020
Active Component	Active Component Personnel		
U.S. Army	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)		
U.S. Air Force			
U.S. Navy			
U.S. Marine Corps			
Reserve Component	Reserve Component Personnel		
U.S. Army	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)		
U.S. Air Force			
U.S. Navy			
U.S. Marine Corps			
National Guard	National Guard Personnel		
Army National Guard	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)		
Air National Guard			
Baseline			
TEF			
OFS Rear Detachments⁸			
Operationally Sensitive Forces			
Total Military			
Civilian	Civilian Personnel		
	499	492	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)
Contractor	Contractor Personnel		
U.S. Citizens	7,856	6,518	(b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)
Local Nationals	5,067	4,627	
Third Country Nationals	9,639	7,730	

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~~SECRET//NOFORN~~**(S) Limitations on the Number of Personnel**

(S) The President has delegated to the Secretary of Defense the authority to set baseline force levels in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. As of the date of submission of this report, the Department continues to implement the President's direction to optimize U.S. forces in Afghanistan in compliance with the U.S.-Taliban agreement signed on February 29, 2020, and to draw down U.S. forces from Syria and sustain a small residual force presence in eastern Syria to continue the campaign against ISIS. (b) (1) (A), (b) (1) (D)

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(S) Number of Military Personnel That Are Not Subject to the Limitations and Their Functions

(S) TEF personnel conduct relief-in-place/transfer of authority, temporary duty, and short-duration missions not routinely required to support core mission, and approximately (b) (1) (A), [REDACTED] that are designated as Operationally Sensitive Forces are not subject to the "boots on the ground" limitations. As of November 1, 2020, there are 32 military personnel in Iraq not subject to the above limitations set by the Secretary because they are under Department of State Chief of Mission authority performing Security Cooperation functions and 164 military personnel augmenting Baghdad Embassy Compound (BEC) security. These forces also do not count against established limitations.

(S) DoD personnel outside Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria whose duties include, in whole or in part, supporting OIR and OFS are not subject to any limitations on force levels in those countries. As noted in the unclassified portion of the report, personnel providing such global support are not counted in this report because it is not feasible to identify numbers of personnel whose duties are solely to support OIR or OFS.

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